

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1.-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A surface light source device ~~according to claim 5~~ comprising:

a light-conductor plate that conducts light at an interior and allows same to exit at a light-exit surface to an outside; and

a light source arranged oppositely to a light incident surface of the light-conductor plate and small in size as compared to a width of the light-conductor plate;

the light source being held by a fixture engaged on the light-conductor plate, the fixture in part being elastically abutted against an opposite surface of the light source to a surface thereof facing to the light incident surface thereby urging the light source on the light incident surface, wherein

the fixture is removably attached on the light-conductor plate, and

the fixture is fixed on the light-conductor plate by recessing fixture-fit areas in upper and lower surfaces of the light-conductor plate, providing catches projecting in the fixture-fit areas, providing fit pieces in a ring form, an L-form or T-form in the fixture formed in a folded-double form, and putting the fit pieces on the fixture-fit areas into engagement on the catches.

7.-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A surface light source device ~~according to claim 1~~ comprising:

a light-conductor plate that conducts light at an interior and allows same to exit at a light-exit surface to an outside; and

a light source arranged oppositely to a light incident surface of the light-conductor plate and small in size as compared to a width of the light-conductor plate;

the light source being held by a fixture engaged on the light-conductor plate, the fixture in part being elastically abutted against an opposite surface of the light source to a surface thereof facing to the light incident surface thereby urging the light source on the light incident surface, wherein

the fixture and the light-conductor plate have aligning means for aligning the fixture and the light-conductor plate to each other thicknesswise of the light-conductor plate, the fixture and the light source having aligning means for aligning the fixture and the light source to each other thicknesswise of the light-conductor plate.

10. (Original) A surface light source device according to claim 9, wherein means for aligning the fixture and the light-conductor plate is constituted by providing a thickness-reduced portion in a vicinity of the light incident surface of the light-conductor plate, and clamping the thickness-reduced portion by a pair of parallel protuberances provided in the fixture.

11. (Original) A surface light source device according to claim 9, wherein means for aligning the fixture and the light-conductor plate is constituted by forming one of a positioning projection or a positioning hole in any of a recess provided in an upper surface or an lower surface of the light-conductor plate, a side surface of the light-conductor plate and a front surface of the light-

conductor plate, forming other of the positioning projection or the positioning hole in the fixture, and fitting the positioning projection in the positioning hole.

12. (Original) A surface light source device according to claim 9, wherein means for aligning the fixture and the light source is constituted by providing a thickness-reduced portion at least in a part of the light source, and clamping the thickness-reduced portion by a pair of parallel protuberances provided in the fixture.
13. (Original) A surface light source device according to claim 9, wherein means for aligning the fixture and the light source is constituted by forming one of a positioning projection or a positioning hole in any of a recess provided in an upper surface or an lower surface of the light source, a side surface of the light source and a front surface of the light source, forming other of the positioning projection or the positioning hole in the fixture, and fitting the positioning projection in the positioning hole.
14. (Original) A surface light source device according to claim 9, wherein means for aligning the fixture and the light source is constituted by forming a positioning slit in a back surface of the light source, and fitting a part of the fixture in the positioning slit.